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Subject: RE: Houghton Road Widening Project - Notice of Public Open House

Thank you, Randy.

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From: mrnapresident@mesquiteranch.org
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 7:34 AM
To: Green, Ron
Cc: 'Andrew Squire'
Subject: Houghton Road Widening Project - Notice of Public Open House
Importance: High

Dear Sand and Gravel Managers,

The purpose of this email is to inform Vulcan Materials, L.A. Downey and Sons, and Rinker Materials of an upcoming public meeting on the Houghton Road Widening Project (section 2). The City of Tucson will host a public open house on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at Secrist Middle school, 3400 S. Houghton Road, to discuss the latest planning effort for Houghton Road from Valencia Road to 22nd Street (which is section 2). Meeting will start at 6:00pm and a City presentation will start at 6:30pm.

Of particular interest to sand and gravel companies, and their customers, will be access from Poorman Road westbound onto Houghton Road. Current plans are to install what the City calls a Florida "T" at the Poorman/Houghton intersection which consists of a partially controlled signal system and intersection lighting. The proposed intersection will provide a protected left turn traffic signal from Poorman Road westbound onto Houghton Road southbound, and a long acceleration lane in the center median for vehicles to merge right into fast traffic on Houghton Road southbound. The current plan also provides for a proper deceleration lane on Houghton Road northbound approaching Poorman Road, and a left turn lane on Houghton Road southbound approaching Poorman Road. Please view attached document which provides a graphical depiction of the proposed intersection.

Current plans for a right turn from Poorman Road westbound onto Houghton Road northbound is not so pretty. Plans call for a bus stop at the northeast corner of the intersection and the installation of protective curbing which will eliminate the possibility of a proper northbound acceleration lane for heavy commercial vehicles. The Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association is working with Psomas (project planner), the City, and Ward IV to ensure a proper northbound acceleration lane is installed but we are asking for your help.

MRNA is asking that representatives from Vulcan Materials, L.A. Downey, and Rinker Materials attend the upcoming public meeting and be prepared to voice concerns about a proper northbound merge lane or any other issue you may have with the Poorman/Houghton intersection. In this way, we collectively can send a clear message to Houghton planners and the City, that a proper intersection, capable of supporting heavy commercial vehicles, will be planned for and installed. MRNA would also encourage Vulcan Materials to communicate this

information to their customers (users of the road) so that they too may attend the meeting and provide input to City planners.

This email is sent as a courtesy to our business neighbors and we would like to thank-you for your assistance in the maintenance of the Poorman Road cattle guard and managing commercial vehicle use on Poorman Road. Please let MRNA know if you have questions or comments.

Kind regards,

Randall Pierce

President

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association